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Rep. Miner, Sen. Roraback: Goshen Resident Appointed To State Board



State Representative Craig Miner, R-Litchfield and State Sen. Andrew Roraback, R-Goshen, announced that Goshen resident James O'Leary has been appointed by House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward, R-North Branford, to serve as a member of the State's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinating Council.

Mr. O'Leary was recommended for the appointment by Rep. Miner and Sen. Roraback. He has served as a member of the Goshen Volunteer Fire Company since 1974. He has also served as a long-time member of Goshen's Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen, including 12 years as First Selectman.

In 2004, the Legislature created the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS). The 24-member coordinating council advises the department on a variety of issues including: planning and implementing statewide emergency response systems, assisting in the state's emergency preparedness and strengthening planning and communication among local, state and federal governments.

"Jim brings a wealth of relevant background to this council, where I'm certain he will be an asset," said Rep. Miner. "He has a long career in public service and his experience can now benefit communities throughout the state."

"I can think of no better individual to assist the state as it plans for events we all pray never occur," said Sen. Roraback. "Jim's experience as an EMS first responder and municipal leader make him uniquely well-qualified for this appointment."